

## USDA Commodities and Consortia Facts

There are three consortia in the State of Michigan that will participate in the direct diversion of United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) commodities for School Year (SY) 2008/2009. Each consortium procures distribution and warehousing of USDA commodities as well as processing contracts for commodity diversion for all school districts in its consortium. In addition, the schools that join the consortia will preorder USDA commodities beginning in February each year for delivery during the following school year.

The Consortia are as follows:

Great Lakes Consortium (GLC) – Traverse City Public Schools, Fiscal Agent

Contact: Kristen Misiak – 231-933-1911 or [misiakkr@oper.tcaps.net](mailto:misiakkr@oper.tcaps.net)

Membership in GLC is available to schools participating in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) in all counties in Michigan except Gogebic, Keweenaw, and Ontonagon.

School Purchasing And Resource Consortium (SPARC) – Manistee ISD, Fiscal Agent

Contact: Katie Petersen – 231-845-5758 or [kpetersen@manistee.org](mailto:kpetersen@manistee.org)

Membership in SPARC is available to all schools in Michigan that participate in NSLP.

Macomb Oakland Resa (MOR) – Oakland Schools, Fiscal Agent

Contact: Mary Clay – 248-209-2102 or [mary.clay@oakland.k12.mi.us](mailto:mary.clay@oakland.k12.mi.us)

Membership in MOR is available to all schools in the following counties that participate in the NSLP: Macomb, Oakland, Monroe, Livingston, St. Clair, Washtenaw and Wayne.

Questions regarding the consortia should be directed to the contacts listed above.

Each year, all schools participating in the NSLP need to indicate in the Michigan Electronic Grant System (MEGS) whether they want to receive commodities.

Membership in a consortium is a commitment for a period of one year. During the month of November each year, the school administrator with level 5 access to MEGS will complete the “Request the Commodity Delivery” for the following school year.

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